

VAN ORSDEL TO SUCCEED COL. BAIRD

Wyoming Is in
the Field at
Once.

TO PUT CLERKS ON THE STEAMERS

Plans for Expediting Handling of
the Mails Between Coast
and This City.

(Special to the Commercial Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 9.—When the cabinet met yesterday morning at 11 o'clock Attorney General Knox announced to President Roosevelt the death in Colorado of United States District Attorney John C. Baird, of Honolulu. Further than the mere announcement there was no discussion regarding his successor but when he left the White House Mr. Knox said he should probably take the matter up as soon as convenient. It is doubtful however, whether this can be done before the convening of Congress. The President has already made it known that he intends to make no further important appointments to office, as far as it can be avoided, till Congress meets. Thus he will save the trouble of making an extra appointment after Congress convenes for the law prescribes that recess appointments can hold only as long as Congress is not in session.

Furthermore Mr. J. J. Dunne, the assistant district attorney at Honolulu, has been acting district attorney for some time, and as far as anything the Department knows, quite satisfactorily. Mr. Baird was appointed in the year 1900 and, as his term was far from expiring, there were no applicants here for his place. It is clear that the President can not select a successor till he can hear from some of those in authority in Hawaii.

The only candidate who has come to the front so far is Attorney General J. A. Van Orsdel of Wyoming. He has the support of Senator Warren who is now here hard at work and most probably will win the appointment.

Within a couple of weeks it is expected that some of the prominent Republicans will be back here or will be heard from. There is every evidence of lively times for the territory during the approaching session of Congress. White ex-Governor Liliuokalani is coming to this country to make a visit in Boston and then to spend the remainder of the winter in Washington, chiefly for reasons of its being a pleasant residence town, there is no doubt here that she will seek compensation from Congress for being deprived of the crown lands. Such legislation is not, perhaps, quite as hopeless as will be Delegate Wilcox's efforts to secure statehood for the Territory, which efforts are already being advertised here to some extent. It is hardly necessary to say to the enlightened people of the territory that there is no prospect of statehood for Hawaii for many years, at least till one of the two leading parties have gained sure control of local affairs, and then not for some years. But there is little chance of any territories gaining statehood at this session of Congress, although Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma are already pressing vigorously for such legislation.

The stir over Delegate Wilcox's aspirations to be governor of Hawaii, as voiced in a petition sent here some time ago, has completely subsided. The conference that Secretary Cooper and other prominent men of the territory, held with the government officials gave the latter light on the situation and attempts to start idle rumors like the one that Gov. Dole intended to resign are unavailing.

The case of Lieut. Howell, U. S. A., who married a Honolulu girl, and who was court-martialed in the Philippines for drunkenness and sentenced to dismissal from the service, is still with Secretary of War Root and probably will not be acted upon for several days. When Secretary Cooper was here he took up the matter with the Acting Secretary of War, Col. Sanger, but on the return of Mr. Root, Col. Sanger passed it on to him. Mr. Root for two weeks has been very busy at his resi-

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CAYPLESS GOES AFTER JUDGESHIP

Attorney Edgar Cayless left on the Miowera yesterday afternoon for Vancouver whence he will go to Seattle. It is said that Mr. Cayless left for the Coast, after a hurried conference with certain party leaders, in order to press his nomination for the third Circuit Judgeship of Honolulu. Upon arrival at Seattle he will at once get into communication with Washington and have the matter opened up for consideration. Upon Mr. Cayless' return he will be accompanied by another member of his family.

Indian Princess in New York

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—The Princess Sophie Bamba Dhuleep Singh arrived here yesterday from Europe. Her present stopping place is not known. On the way over she spoke of visits she intended to make at Newport. Beyond this the steamship authorities know nothing further of the movements of this Princess of India, whose father, the Maharajah of Lahore, was once owner of the famous Koh-i-Noor diamond. Her brother, Prince Albert Dhuleep Singh, has visited New York many times and has been entertained both here and in Newport.

Gen. Henry Robinson Dead.

NEW YORK, Nov. 14.—Brigadier General Henry I. Robinson, who retired from the army a number of years ago, and in recent years had been a customs inspector, is dead at his home in this city in his ninetieth year. He was born at Binghamton, N. Y. Soon after the civil war broke out he was appointed assistant quartermaster with rank of captain, and being a railroad man, was assigned to the purchasing and disbursing officer of the military railroads. In 1866 he was mustered out. While he held office he disbursed nearly \$13,000,000. When President Lincoln was assassinated he had charge of the transportation of the body to Springfield, Ill. He was a brother of Gen. John C. Robinson, who was lieutenant governor under Governor Dix.

THE WISCONSIN WILL RETURN

The Battleship and Transport
Solace Due Here Again
December 1.

Paymaster Hall yesterday received advices from Samoa stating that the battleship Wisconsin would arrive at Honolulu about December 1st, and the transport Solace will come about the same time, bringing with her all the officers of the Tilley court-martial.

Paymaster Hall's information came from Captain Myers who was to be judge advocate of the court-martial, and he requested that a berth be reserved for him on the Alameda which sails from Honolulu December 4th.

It was the intention originally, for the Solace to go on from Tutuila to Guam, but a change in plan has evidently been made. She will return to Honolulu at the same time as the Wisconsin and bring here, the officers of the court-martial, and then proceed on her way to Guam. Admiral Evans probably will go on with the remaining officers on the Alameda to San Francisco.

There was some talk of the Wisconsin sailing from Tutuila through the straits of Magellan and up along the South American coast, but she will now return to San Francisco, according to the information received by Paymaster Hall.

READY FOR SERVICE ON KALIHI LINE

The trial car on the Rapid Transit Kalihi line will be run today if the track is ready. The work had progressed so rapidly yesterday that it seemed likely that everything would be in readiness to the Kamehameha Schools by today noon, and the decision to make the trial was reached.

The trenching for the new track is now at the arch bridge over the Kalihi river, and the tracklayers are close behind. The electrical installation is completed as far as the Tramways barns. This will be complete this morning to the schools, and the only possible drawback will be the readiness of the switch at the rice fields. One end of the switch is done, but the other is delayed.

Upon the acceptance of the work, service on the line will be inaugurated at once. The cars will be run to the Kamehameha Schools on the same schedule which obtains over the rest of the line. Cars will then make round trips from Alexander street to Kalihi. The Kalihi street service will be carried on by two cars which will connect with each trip made by the main line cars.

COL. J. C. BAIRD DIES AT DENVER



THE LATE COL. J. C. BAIRD.

The United States District Attorney Succumbs to the Severe Attack of Nervous Prostration.

DENVER (Col.), Nov. 7.—Colonel J. C. Baird, for twenty years an attorney at Cheyenne, died this afternoon at the home of his brother-in-law, Dr. A. G. Case, 1537 York street. He was fifty years of age. His death was due to nervous prostration. He was appointed United States Attorney for Hawaii and took office August, 1900.

Col. Baird has been in ill health for some time and within the past year has been compelled twice to take a trip to the Coast. He was affected nervously, and suffered great pain. On his most recent visit he was accompanied by his son, Byron K. Baird, who, upon seeing at first a material improvement in his father's condition, returned and is now in the city. It is understood the interment will be in Cheyenne.

John C. Baird was born in Pittsburg,

Pa., in 1852. He was educated in the public schools and for some time followed the trade of iron molder in the Pittsburg rolling mills. After that, at the age of 20, he became a newspaper man, and was editor of the Pittsburg Herald for a time. While there he began the study of the law and in 1878 moved to Cheyenne and became editor of the Daily Leader at that place. He was admitted to the Wyoming bar in 1880. He was Judge Advocate-General of the State for nine years, served two terms as District Attorney of Laramie county, in which Cheyenne is situated, and was prominently identified with the Board of Trade of Cheyenne and served as a member of the Wyoming Legislature. In 1900 he became the first United States District Attorney of Hawaii and left a lucrative law practice in Cheyenne to accept the position, and sailed in July in the hope that the climate would benefit his failing health. He was a prominent Mason and a leader in the Woodmen of the World.



JOSEPH SADCOT TOBIN.

LATE FIRE CLEARS OUT LODGERS

Fire which broke out in the room of Frank Grimark, a bricklayer, who lived at the Aloha House off Fort street, near the residence of Mrs. Love, threatened to destroy that building, and a number of the inmates were forced to make hasty exits to avoid the flames. A number of Hogan's troupe of minstrels had taken rooms in the house and had gone to the Orpheum. There was consternation amongst the colored players when they heard their baggage was in jeopardy and the rehearsal broke up abruptly.

The alarm was turned in at 11 o'clock and when the engines arrived the second story of the house nearest Mrs. Love's premises was in flames. Two streams of water were played on the end room and an opening was made into the space between the upper ceilings and the roof where the fire had spread rapidly. The fire was practically extinguished inside of fifteen minutes and a detachment of firemen was then put at work opening up the ceiling and putting water on several timbers which were smoldering.

The fire started in Grimark's room, which was entirely gutted. The occupant was seen to rush out of his room, down the stairway and out to the street, whence all trace of him was lost for the time being. There was a general scurrying of half-dressed roomers when the flames burst out and little was done for a few minutes to rescue furniture or clothing. The house is owned by Mr. Podmore and conducted as a lodging house by Mrs. J. Short.

Money for Missions.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 9.—The general committee of the board of church extension of the Methodist Episcopal church today took up the voting to the various conferences of the amounts to be allowed each during the ensuing year. Appropriations were made for the Philippine Islands and Hawaii, the former being voted \$5,000, and the Pacific-Japanese mission \$800. The discussion regarding the Philippines developed that it is the intention of the society to erect at least a dozen churches in the Philippines during the next year.

COMMANDANT AT TUTUILA

Capt. Sebree Passes Through
on His Way to
Samoa

Among the passengers of the Ventura was Captain W. Sebree, who goes to Pago Pago to succeed Commodore Tilley as naval commander of Tutuila. Although he is not officially the governor of the island, he will nevertheless actually fill that position.

Captain Sebree was for the past three years the light house inspector of San Francisco, and it was quite a surprise to him when he suddenly was called to fill the position of naval commander of Tutuila.

Captain Sebree said last night that he expected and hoped that the court martial over Commodore Tilley would be at an end when he arrived at Pago Pago. The new commander has been in this city before, but has never as yet been in the Samoan possessions. He does not expect that it will be necessary to effect many changes in the governing of Tutuila, which has been held by Lieutenant James since Commodore Tilley was relieved.

Lives Lost on Shipboard.

ATHENS, Nov. 10.—A terrible gun accident occurred Saturday on board the British battleship Royal Sovereign outside Astoko harbor. An artilleryman forgot to close the breech before the gun was fired. One officer and six artillerymen were killed outright, the bodies being terribly mutilated, and the captain and thirteen sailors were seriously injured.

CABLE COMPANY INCREASES CAPITAL

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 8.—The Commercial Cable Company, recently incorporated to operate a cable line between this country and the Philippine Islands, today filed with the Secretary of State a certificate of increase of capital from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

Gen. Merriam Retires.

DENVER, Col., Nov. 13.—After forty years of service in the army of the United States, Brigadier-General Henry C. Merriam, commanding the Department of the Colorado, was retired at noon today on account of age. General J. C. Bates, commanding the Department of the Missouri, will, for the present, assume command of the Department of the Colorado, also, to be relieved later by General MacArthur, who, it is understood, will replace General Merriam.

President Roosevelt will visit the Pacific Coast next summer, according to the announcement of President Wheeler of California University. Whether he will continue on to Hawaii is not stated in the dispatches.

TOBIN IS HERE FOR A REST

Defeated Candidate Talks of His
Fight.

WHY SCHMITZ WON THE RACE

Recent Strike Was a Factor in
Winning Votes for Labor
Nominee.

JOSEPH SADCOT TOBIN, director and attorney of the Hibernia bank of San Francisco, and the defeated candidate on the straight Democratic ticket for the mayoralty of San Francisco, arrived yesterday in the Sierra accompanied by Mrs. Tobin, one of the leading society women of the Bay City. They are for the present the guests of W. W. Dimond and Harry Dimond at Niu, near Koko Head, where Mr. Tobin will recuperate from the effects of his recent campaigning. Mrs. Tobin is the sister of the Dimond brothers and daughter of the late General Dimond. Mr. and Mrs. Tobin are familiar figures in San Francisco society circles and at Burlingame, society's country recreation retreat.

In an interview last evening Mr. Tobin gave a graphic and highly interesting account of the part he played in the three-cornered fight for the mayoralty of San Francisco. He smilingly said he went into the fight as a forlorn hope after many others had refused to enter the race, feeling that the presence of a labor candidate, who was certain to draw a large percentage of the Democratic vote, would give very little opportunity to the straight ticket nominee to win the battle.

"The Labor Party ticket took up eighty per cent of the vote. The vote of the Labor Party was the registering of a protest in the ballot box of the attitude of the organized labor element against the employers for the treatment of the former previous to and during the last strike. When it was announced that the labor organizations would put a candidate in the field it was known that the vote would show to the employers that the labor element must be treated with fairness. The employers refused to enter into negotiations with the labor unions, and the latter desired to show that they were a factor in our politics that had to be counted on. The result shows they were right.

"We figured that about fifty per cent of the vote I received was from the better element of the Republican party, the rest was straight Democratic. Seventy-five per cent of the Labor Party vote was Democratic.

"I fully understood at the time I ran for the office that it was forlorn hope. No one wanted to take the nomination. I had declined the nomination, but they finally insisted that I should go on the ticket, and like a patriotic, dutiful citizen, I did so. I was told that I must stand for the welfare of the city and help in the fight for reform. It was an interesting phase of life to me. Outside of once running for the office of Supervisor, I was never a candidate. Before I went into the campaign I am certain I was rather a poor speaker, but I don't regret going out every night for weeks, speaking several times in one night, for it gave me a confidence in myself that is well worth all the hardships, all the time and money spent, and the experience, well it was a valuable lesson. The press of the city was very fair toward me.

"Schmitz has given no definite political promises, except in two instances: One of these was that he would remove Chief Sullivan as head of the police department. Death intervened, however, and Schmitz is relieved of this promise. The other was that in case of a strike he would not allow police to ride on the trucks and that the power of the city could not be used for the employers against the employed as in the recent strike.

Mr. Tobin is yet a young man, having just reached his thirty-third year. He is making his first visit to Hawaii and his first impressions have charmed him. He was most impressed by the height of the mountains, having imagined them to be low. Mr. and Mrs. Tobin will remain in Honolulu until December 10 when they will leave for San Francisco in the Sonoma.